

Chapter 6: Comments and Coordination

Early and continuing coordination with the general public and appropriate public agencies is an essential part of the environmental process. This chapter summarizes the results of UDOT's efforts to identify, address, and resolve project-related issues through early and continuing coordination. Agency consultation and public participation for this project have been accomplished through a variety of formal and informal methods. Agency and public participation meetings are summarized in **Section 6.1** and other outreach methods are discussed in **Section 6.2**. All written comments received to date are available for review at the H.W. Lochner Office located at 310 East 4500 South, Suite 600, Salt Lake City, Utah.

6.1 AGENCY AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETINGS

The primary agency and public participation meetings held to date are summarized in the following sections. These meetings are outlined in **Table 6.1-1**.

TABLE 6.1-1: AGENCY AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETINGS

Date	Meeting Type
August 30, 2005	Agency Scoping Meeting
November 29, 2005	Public Scoping Meeting - Open House #1
March 21, 2006	Transportation & Infrastructure Stakeholder Workshop
August 15, 2006	Public Open House #2

6.1.1 Agency Scoping Meeting

A request for scoping comments and invitation to participate in an agency scoping meeting was sent to Federal, State, and local agencies, and other interested parties in August 2005. Response letters are included in **Appendix A**. The agency scoping meeting was held on August 30, 2005 at the USACE office in Bountiful. The purpose of the meeting was to ensure that a full range of issues related to the proposed action were identified and addressed. A photo slideshow of the corridor was shown and traffic forecasts and studies were presented. Twenty people attended, representing 13 agencies and local entities. Comments pertained to wildlife resources, wetlands, future city plans, traffic flow, utilities, drainage, grade separation at UPRR, safety, mobility, capacity, and public transit routes.

6.1.2 Public Scoping Meeting - Open House #1

The public scoping meeting was advertised in the Davis County Clipper. A project information sheet was also mailed out to the project mailing list and posted to city websites and the project website. Approximately 80 people, consisting primarily of local residents and businesses, attended this meeting that was held on November 29, 2005 at the Woods Cross City Hall. The purpose of the public scoping meeting was to educate participants on the NEPA process and present them with the preliminary alternatives. Handouts included an information sheet and a comment form. Comments were solicited on the purpose and need for the project and eight alternative concepts. The comment form also asked for ratings on each alternative concept. The concept that included the grade separation over the UPRR tracks and a five lane corridor received the highest rating. A 100-foot ROW width and the meandered alignment were also ranked the highest, and a painted median was preferred. Comments received during the open house related to:

- Signal timing;
- Additional signals needed;
- Grade separation at the UPRR crossing;
- ROW impacts;
- Lighting; and
- Safety.

6.1.3 Transportation & Infrastructure Stakeholder Workshop

The project team held a stakeholder workshop on March 21, 2006 at the West Bountiful City office. Participants were invited to the workshop through a mailed postcard. Follow-up emails and phone calls were also made prior to the meeting. The purpose of the workshop was to coordinate future transportation and infrastructure plans for the area and understand how these plans may affect SR-68. The workshop focused on the most complex area of the project (500 South, east of 1100 West). Attendees included representatives from the project team, UDOT, UTA, WFRC, Legacy / I-15 North project team, West Bountiful, Woods Cross, UPRR, Rocky Mountain Power (formerly Utah Power & Light), Bountiful Power, Holly Refinery, South Davis Metro Fire, Johansen Thackeray, Cooper Roberts Simonson Associates, and a local citizen. Each attendee was asked to offer their vision for the corridor and provide current issues with SR-68. After the issues were identified, groups were created and participants brainstormed solutions and identified who should be responsible for implementing the solution. The issues and solutions are summarized in **Table 6.1-1**.

TABLE 6.1-2: ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS

CONGESTION		
Issue	Action	Responsible Party
Crossing Safety	Grade Separation, Traffic Signals, Pedestrian Overpass, Fencing	UDOT, Local Governments, Local Developers, UTA, UPRR
Safety & Security of Refinery	Close north leg of 800 West and 500 South to public	Holly Refinery, UDOT, West Bountiful
Safety of public driving through Refinery site	Close north leg of 800 West and 500 South to public	Holly Refinery, UDOT, West Bountiful
I-15 Interchange Congestion	Reconfigure for an interchange	UDOT, Local Government
Congestion at 700 West	Traffic Signal	UDOT, Local Government, UTA
Crashes at 800 West and 500 South	Overpass, Access Control, Signal, More Travel Lanes, Longer Turn Pockets	UDOT, Local Government
Vehicle Delay (East / West Traffic)	More Travel Lanes, Traffic Signals, Longer Turn Pockets, Grade Separation	UDOT, Local Government
ACCESS		
Issue	Action	Responsible Party
Access to Substation (future and existing)	Access off 500 South, Access through future development, Access off of 950 West	UP&L, Holly Refinery, TOD
Truck access to filling station	Rotate bays, Move station	Holly Energy, West Bountiful
Truck access to Refinery from south (if grade separation is chosen)	700 West bypass with railroad grade separation, Re-route trucks within Holly Refinery	Holly Refinery, West Bountiful
UTA station access off 500 South and 700 West	Relocate parking to the west of the railroad with a pedestrian overpass	TOD, UTA
GRADE SEPARATION AND GENERAL RAIL CONGESTION		
Issue	Action	Responsible Party
Overpass impacts to substation	Build substation at 850 to 950 West	UDOT, Rocky Mountain Power (formerly UP&L)
	Reconfigure access to Refinery	Holly Refinery, UDOT, West Bountiful
	700 West extension	UDOT, West Bountiful
	Purchase additional property to provide access to those without	UDOT, West Bountiful
	Access of substation through TOD	TOD, Woods Cross, Rocky Mountain Power (formerly UP&L)
	Relocate refinery filling station loading	Holly Refinery, West Bountiful, UDOT
	Signal at 800 West	UDOT, Woods Cross, West Bountiful

GRADE SEPARATION AND GENERAL RAIL CONGESTION (continued)		
Issue	Action	Responsible Party
Refinery truck access on 400 North if 800 West is closed	Coordination between Holly Refinery and West Bountiful	Holly Refinery, West Bountiful
New crossings / Train Capacity	Secure funding for grade separation, Phased Construction	Woods Cross, West Bountiful, UDOT
At grade crossing on 800 West for internal Holly Refinery rail switching	Close 800 West, trade at grade for 500 South, justify safety by moving switch off of 500 South	Holly Refinery, UPRR, UDOT, West Bountiful
800 WEST		
Issue	Action	Responsible Party
	Keep at grade intersection at 800 West with a signal located at both 800 West and 700 West	UDOT
North / South Access Between Woods Cross and West Bountiful	Grade separation over rail and grade separate 800 West to tie into 500 South	UDOT, Holly Refinery
	Realign 800 West to 700 West with grade separation	UDOT, Local Government
Note: The above table represents information based on the views of individuals participating in the workshop.		

Following this workshop, a letter of concurrence was signed by the cities of West Bountiful and Woods Cross (see letters dated May 12, 2006 in **Appendix A**) agreeing that the grade separation would not be included as part of this project. This project does not preclude grade separation from happening in the future, and the cities can continue to pursue a grade separated crossing as a separate project.

6.1.4 Public Open House #2

Public Open House #2 was advertised in the Davis County Clipper. A project information sheet was also mailed out to the project mailing list and posted to the project website. Approximately 40 people attended this meeting that was held at Woods Cross Elementary School on August 15, 2006. Members of the project team, UDOT, WFRC, UTA, and the Legacy Parkway Design Team were present to address questions. Representatives from the UDOT ROW Division were also available to answer specific ROW issues. Maps of the possible Build Alternative were on display for review. Boards illustrated the alternative development and screening process the project team used to arrive at the recommended Build Alternative, which included the 110-foot and 94-foot ROW typical sections. Handouts included a comment form and updated project information sheet. Nine comment forms were returned, and comments received pertained to:

- Access at the Wood Haven MHP entrance;
- Access and signals around 770 West;
- Grade separated crossing at the UPRR;
- The bottle neck at the I-15 underpass;
- Timeline of the project;
- Bike lanes;
- Signals at 700 West;
- Median options; and
- Eliminating the park strip.

6.2 OTHER OUTREACH METHODS

6.2.1 Stakeholder Interviews & Questionnaires

At the initiation of the project, approximately 30 interviews were conducted with residents and businesses along the corridor. Questionnaires were also distributed to residents and businesses (see letter dated September 30, 2005 in **Appendix A**) to request personal data necessary for the community impact assessment, which is summarized in **Section 3.3**.

6.2.2 Neighborhood Meeting

SR-68 project team members met with the Homeowners Association Board for the Westwood MHP in September, 2005 to discuss the 500 South EA and solicit comments. In that meeting, the project team was invited to the homeowners' annual meeting on September 17, 2005. Prior to the homeowners' annual meeting, the Homeowners Association Board members distributed the SR-68 project information sheet and questionnaire to all the residents living in the MHP. At the annual meeting, the project team made a short presentation about the project, held a question and answer session with the residents, and collected the questionnaires.

6.2.3 Project Website

A project website was developed to provide information about the project. The project website can be accessed at www.udot.utah.gov/sr68-500south/. The website contains

links to other area projects, the city websites for West Bountiful and Woods Cross, a map of the project area, an overview of the project and schedule, information given at open houses (such as boards, maps, etc.) and a comment form that can be downloaded and mailed to the project team. The website also includes contact information for the public to reach the project team.

6.2.4 Media Coverage, News Articles, and Newsletters

Advertisements for each public open house were published in the Davis County Clipper. They were also announced in each of the information sheets sent to individuals on the project mailing list. An article written by the Davis County Clipper was published after the first open house.

6.2.5 Other Consultation

Consultation with agencies and other interested parties has been conducted throughout the NEPA process using letters, phone calls, and/or email discussions. Meetings have been held, as needed, with various stakeholders to coordinate other projects in the area and to resolve issues or concerns. Agencies and other interested parties being contacted about this project include:

Federal Agencies

- FHWA
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Federal Railroad Administration
- USDA, NRCS
- USFWS
- USACE
- EPA, Region VIII
- USDOJ

Native American Tribes

- Northwestern Band of Goshute Nation
- Ute Indian Tribe

- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
- Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians

State Agencies

- GOPB
- Resource Development Coordination Committee
- WFRS
- UTA
- UPRR
- D&RGW
- Utah Energy Office
- UDNR
 - Division of Parks and Recreation
 - Division of Wildlife Resources
 - Division of Water Rights
 - DDW
- UDEQ
 - DSHW
 - DWQ
 - DAQ
 - Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
 - DERR

Other Interested Parties

- Legacy Parkway Design Team
- Bountiful City

- West Bountiful City
- Woods Cross
- Holly Energy Partners (Filling Station)
- Holly Refinery (Oil Refinery)
- Utah Auto Auction
- Other Businesses and Residents Along the Corridor
- Utility Companies

Appendix A includes the primary written consultation received from federal and state agencies and local entities.

6.3 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE

Comments have typically related to access and other property issues, historic resources, truck traffic, railroad operations, other projects such as Commuter Rail and Legacy Parkway, noise, air quality, litter, sidewalks, curb and gutter, pedestrian and bicycle use, lack of law enforcement, and construction concerns such as utility disruptions and mail delivery. Meeting minutes, correspondence, and other comments received to date are available for review at the H.W. Lochner Office located at 310 East 4500 South, Suite 600, Salt Lake City, Utah.

6.4 RESPONSES TO COMMENTS

As applicable, each of the comments received has been considered in the development of the purpose and need for the project, development and evaluation of alternatives, and/or used in the environmental technical analysis. Written responses, follow-up discussions, or meetings have been held as necessary to resolve issues or concerns.